

MEDINA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEDINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE HONDO, TEXAS 78861

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find the enclosed Resolution from the Medina County Historical Commission regarding the proposed railroad and quarrying plans of Vulcan Materials Company.

Feel free to contact me if you have any question or need any further information.

Regards,

Robert N. Hancock, Chairman

Medina County Historical Commission

cc: Vulcan Materials Co.



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RESOLUTION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION OF MEDINA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION URGING VULCAN MATERIALS TO CONSIDER PROTECTING THE HISTORIC RESOURCES OF THE QUIHI AREA IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED RAILROAD AS IT RELATES TO ITS PROPOSED QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN THAT PART OF MEDINA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Medina County Historical Commission has a continuing commitment to the preservation, study, and recognition of the county's cultural heritage.

WHEREAS, the Commission is aware of the plans of Vulcan Materials to construct a railroad through the Quihi area related to its proposed quarrying activities in that part of Medina County; and

WHEREAS, Quihi is a highly important historic area of Medina County, representing a settlement established in 1846, and is marked by the presence of numerous homes and buildings of that period; and

WHEREAS, there are also important prehistoric archeological sites, as old as 10,000 years, in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Commission urges the Surface Transportation Board to use all proper review procedures during its consideration of the Vulcan applications for its railways and proposed alternative routes.

WHEREAS, this will involve detailed consultation with the Texas Historical Commission, charged with the implementation of Section 106 regulations related to cultural resources.

WHEREAS, the Commission will monitor the process and will receive the comments of concerned citizens of the Quihi area during all phases of cultural resource studies related to this project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the Directors of the Commission urge the Vulcan Materials Company to consider preserving the historic resources in the Quihi area of Medina County, Texas while planning the construction of the railroad for their proposed quarrying activities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of July, 2003.

ROBERT N. HANCOCK, Chairman Medina County Historical Commission